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UNF Appoints Mag.Marcus Winkler as Ambassador and Nutrition Expert for Humanitarian Malnutrition Programmes in Africa



Marcus Winkler

The Union Nations Federation (UNF), an international non-governmental organisation holding consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mag.Marcus Winkler** as Ambassador of the UNF and Expert in Nutrition, responsible for the organisation's humanitarian programmes addressing malnutrition on the African continent.

Statement by President Christophe Giovannetti

Christophe Giovannetti, President of the UNF, welcomed the appointment with the following statement:

> *"The recognised expertise of Mag.Marcus Winkler in the fields of food quality, natural products and innovation in taste and nutrition, combined with his deep and sincere commitment to humanitarian causes, makes him an exceptionally valuable Ambassador for the UNF. His nomination strengthens our capacity to act concretely where needs are most urgent. The fight against malnutrition is not merely a health issue: it is an imperative of justice, dignity and sustainable development."*

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A Critical Global and African Challenge

Malnutrition remains one of the most serious humanitarian crises of our time. Worldwide, it affects hundreds of millions of people, particularly children under the age of five, pregnant women and the most vulnerable populations. It leads to stunted growth, weakened immune systems, increased mortality and irreversible consequences for cognitive and physical development.

On the African continent the situation is especially alarming. Conflict, drought, population displacement, poverty and fragile food and health systems continue to increase the number of children suffering from severe acute malnutrition and chronic undernutrition. Millions of children remain at risk across the Horn of Africa, the Sahel, Central Africa and many other regions.

In this context, the UNF is strengthening its field action. Marcus Winkler will contribute to the design, monitoring and promotion of the organisation's humanitarian programmes aimed at:

- Improving access to quality and appropriate nutrition;
- Supporting emergency and preventive nutrition interventions;
- Facilitating the sharing of expertise and local and international partnerships;
- Raising awareness of malnutrition issues and mobilising the necessary resources.

The UNF, which already maintains an active presence on the African continent with delegations in several countries, places nutrition and food security at the heart of its priorities, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being).

About Marcus Winkler

Marcus Winkler is a recognised expert in the fields of spices, food quality and nutritional innovation. Former leader of the family-owned company Wiberg, he has developed deep knowledge of natural products, responsible supply chains and the impact of food on health. His personal commitment to quality nutrition and his humanitarian values fully align with the mission of the UNF.

About the UNF

The Union Nations Federation (UNF) is an international NGO with consultative status with ECOSOC. It works for sustainable development, peace, human rights and social progress, with particular attention to the African continent. The UNF has members and delegations in more than 30 countries.

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